

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
KING COUNTY
AND
KING COUNTY COALITION OF UNIONS**

Subject: GreenWhereWeWork (GWWW) Initiative

On June 19, 2020, the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) announced the GWWW initiative which will permanently establish work-from-home as the primary employee office workspace, replacing, in part, a centrally-located employer-provided office space. This agreement memorialized the Parties' bargaining regarding the effects of this change.

The GWWW Initiative is guided by principles that are closely aligned with the mission, vision and goals of DNRP, the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan as well the King County True North and Values. The Department shall make every effort to ensure that the administration of teleworking does not result in an inequitable impact for employees who are part of communities that have historically been at an economic disadvantage and/or those employees who are more economically impacted as a result of classification, position type, tenure, etc. The Parties agree to jointly facilitate this effort and the topic of equity will be a standing agenda item for Labor Management Committee meetings.

All terms and provisions of the existing Collective Bargaining Agreements shall continue to apply unless specifically modified by the agreements set forth as follows:

AGREEMENTS:

1. WORKING CONDITIONS:

A. Telework Status: Teleworking is mandatory for positions identified by DNRP. However, waivers (temporary and permanent) may be requested in writing.

B. Processing Waiver Requests: The County will respond to requests for waivers in writing and requests will not be unreasonably denied. Decisions to deny the request will state the reasons for the decision based on balancing operational needs and the productivity and business needs of the employee.

C. Alternative Work/Flexible Schedules: Employees may request and the Department may approve alternative or flexible work schedules. No employee shall be prohibited from having access to an alternative work schedule or flexible schedule due to their telecommuting status.

D. Reasonable Accommodation: Employees whose condition requires reasonable accommodation will work with Disability Services for determination and procurement of necessary accommodations.

E. Workers Compensation: Employees who telecommute are responsible for

working safely and will work with Safety and Claims Management to process a worker's compensation claim for work-related occupational diseases or injuries while telecommuting.

2. HOME OFFICE EXPENSES: For DNRP employees on a mandatory telework assignment, the Parties agree to the following:

A. Teleworking Expenses:

1. Employees in need of basic office supplies will follow their normal process of requesting supplies. Normally supplies will be ordered through County procurement processes with supervisor approval and shipped to the employee's home.

2. General office supply expenses that have been approved in advance by the employee's supervisor, which cannot be procured through normal County processes, may be eligible for reimbursement. Such purchases must be pre-approved, documented, and reported for reimbursement to the County.

3. Additional equipment that an employee needs for their home workspace requires the approval of the department director, or their designee.

B. Technology support:

1. The County will supply necessary IT equipment and job-related tools. In the event the County is temporarily, or on a long-term basis, unable to supply necessary IT equipment and job-related tools, employees may be required to work on site as determined by the department to perform duties which require specialized equipment.

2. Employees who do not have adequate internet access from their telework location may request a wireless internet connectivity solution.

3. The County will provide routine maintenance and repairs for County equipment if the equipment is returned to a designated worksite.

3. REOPENER: During the term of this Agreement, the County may propose modifications to the working conditions and/or establish new policies that affect telecommuting conditions, provided that advance written notice is given to the Union, except in cases of emergency, and the Union shall be provided the opportunity to bargain the impacts or decision, to the extent required by law.

4. DEFERRAL: To the extent that components of the GWWW Initiative impact bargaining conflicted and/or are more appropriately discussed as a matter of negotiations over the Coalition Labor Agreement (CLA), its Appendices, or any other existing CBA, the Parties mutually agree to defer such matters to other bargaining tables, such as:

A. Decisions and appeals of waiver requests.

B. Job postings.

C. Spending limits and reimbursable expenses.


D. Monthly telework stipend.

5. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**: Should the County sign any agreements with the King County Coalition of Unions that address the same topics bargained within this Agreement, the agreement with the Coalition of Labor Unions shall supersede and take precedence over this Agreement.

6. **DURATION**: This Agreement expires on the expiration of the CLA and will expire in its entirety unless incorporated into the successor CBA.

010	Service Employees International Union, Local 925 - Department of Natural Resources and Parks - Parks and Recreation
011	Service Employees International Union, Local 925 - Wastewater Treatment Division - Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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048	Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 - Information Technology
065	Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 - Supervisors - Departments: Executive Services, Local Services, Natural Resources and Parks
066	Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17 - Section Managers - Departments: Local Services, Natural Resources and Parks
154	International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117 - Professional & Technical and Administrative Employees
156	International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117 - Wastewater Treatment Division, Professional & Technical and Administrative Support - Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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159	International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117 - Wastewater Treatment Division, Managers and Assistant Managers - Department of Natural Resources and Parks
275	Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 1652R - Industrial and Hazardous Waste
459	Technical Employees' Association - Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Supervisors and Staff

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